

THE PIGEONS WON.

In Spite of Clipped Wings They Came Back on Time.

The colonel was something of a pigeon fancier and had so much confidence in a certain strain of homers he was making a hobby of that which his friend the major proposed a wager the colonel removed the limit.

"We'll make it a suppuh," said the major. "Yo' black boy will tote a palah ovah to the cyahs an' ship them to St. Louay, whaah they ah to be libahtrated on ahviral. I wagah they ah not back in two days, sah."

The colonel accepted, crated his finest pair and included a note to the express agent with the charges. Meanwhile the major communed with Joe, the colored boy, and after the tendering of a certain half dollar and promises of immunity from the consequences of the colonel's wrath later Joe agreed to clip the pigeons' wings sub rosa.

Two days passed, and the major presented himself duly at the colonel's. The colonel eyed him with suspicious narrowness.

"Have they ahvired?" asked the major gayly.

"They hev, sah," said the colonel, with dignity; "they hev, but those two pidgins, sah, hev the so'fest feet I evah saw on a bird, sah."—Browning's Magazine.

BE SURE YOU'RE RIGHT.

Then Take a Long Think and Mind Your Own Business.

The other day a man traveling on a shore line train noticed, protruding from an overhead rack, a dress suit case which he recognized as belonging to a friend. He knew that his friend always got off at the station which they had just passed, and as he was not in the seat the conclusion was inevitable that he had jumped off the train and forgotten it.

The man called the conductor and explained the case to him. After some discussion and a mild protest on the part of the conductor that it wasn't a part of his duty, the suit case was put off at the next station, with instructions to send it back on the first train the other way.

The man, feeling that he had done an able and friendly act, settled down for the rest of his journey.

But not for long. The face of his friend, who had been in the smoker and who happened on that particular afternoon to be going on to New London to attend a dinner party—loomed before him.

The moral of this is, of course, quite evident.

Be sure you're right and then mind your own business.—Life.

Overboard.

"Overboard" is engraved on a metal label fastened to many articles of paraphernalia seen about the decks of a modern war vessel. It means that the article so marked should be thrown overboard whenever action with an enemy's ship becomes imminent. Alcohol chests, turpentine tanks, paint cans, spare parts, unnecessary hatches and other articles easily destroyed or splintered by shell fire are thus labeled. The president of Occident college, California, is said to have given the word a new meaning in civil life when he used it to indicate those who are unfit, useless or inapt in the struggle of life. It is a strong word and as such can be appropriately applied to men and things which when a ship must go to battle are not necessary or material to the end desired.—Army and Navy Life.

Her Own Doctor.

A Washington woman recently hired a negress. Going to the kitchen one day, she was amazed to find the negress sitting on the floor, with her hair standing out from her head like a black nimbus. The girl was pulling one curly lock and then another in such a way as to suggest that she had suddenly lost her reason.

"What on earth are you doing, Mary?" gasped the lady of the house. "Nawthin', ma'am; only I has got a sore throat an' was jest tryin' to find de lock dat wud pull mah palate up an' relieve de tickle."—New York Herald.

The Fickle Chopper.

"That woman always keeps me guessing," said the grocery clerk as she went out. "I never can tell till the last minute what she is going to buy. Just now she priced the coffee, I gave her the prices—25 cents, 28, 30, 35, 40.

"Is your twenty-five cent coffee any good?" she asked me.

"Yes," said I; "bang up."

"Then," said she, "give me a pound of your forty cent, ground fine."—New York Press.

Probably Not.

"I hate to be poor. Now, a millionaire can walk right in and order what he wants without bothering about the price."

"He can," stated the weary salesman, "but he seldom does."—Kansas City Journal.

Every Morning.

Paul, at the age of four, was asked one morning by his papa, "What is the name of the first meal of the day?" "Oatmeal," responded little Paul promptly.—Exchange.

An Enigma.

Tommy—Say, papa, I wish you would tell me something. Papa—Well, what is it? Tommy—When you were a little boy, who was my papa?—Chicago News.

Some men are rich enough to afford every luxury except a clear conscience.—Philadelphia Record.

Blunders of the Types.

Ever since the introduction of typesetting errors, weird or comical, have emanated from printers' offices. The mistakes are not always to be shouldered on to the compositor, for bad handwriting must be taken into account. Here are a few instances of actual blunders collected by a proof-reader in the course of his daily work:

"His blushing bride" was transformed into "his blustering bride."

A major was stated to have "served with destruction in the army." The writer thought he used the word "distinction."

"The Galley I Love" was the description of a picture entitled "The Galley Slave."

Speaking of theatrical folk, a critic wrote that "nearly all have husbands or wives." The paragraph printed read "hundreds of wives."

"They sailed for three days around the cape and finally slaughtered a small Italian" should have been "sighted a small island."

One more in conclusion. "He takes delight in talking on his family shame" was a shameful thing to say when "favorite theme" was meant.

A Three Legged Bison.

In 1867 Small Eyes, a Blackfoot who had come down from the north and joined the Arapahoes and lived with them, told Black Kettle, a Cheyenne in George Bent's lodge, about having killed, between the Cimarron and Beaver creek, a tributary of the north fork of the Canadian, a buffalo bull which had only one hind leg. According to Small Eyes' story, it did not appear that the bull had lost one of its hind legs, but rather that it never had more than one. The hind leg was very large, seemed to be in the middle of the body instead of at one side, and there was no sign of any missing leg. It looked as if the two hind legs which the buffalo ordinarily has had in some way fused together.

The war party with which Small Eyes was traveling was passing along near a hollow when the bull came up out of it, and some of the men ran ahead, got around it and shot it with a gun. It was not able to run fast, but rather hobbled along.—Forest and Stream.

Saved by a Photograph.

A very remarkable incident occurred at Rio de Janeiro.

A passenger on board one of the large liners took a photograph of the harbor. It included a small yacht which had sailed in the morning with two men in her, but returned in the evening with one only. The survivor said his companion had fallen overboard, but his statement was not believed. He was tried and sentenced to death. The matter had by this time come to the ears of the photographer, who remembered that the picture had been taken on the day of the "crime" (or accident) and that the scene embraced a yacht. On examining the print more carefully he noticed a small speck on the sail and in order to determine what it was had an enlargement made. It proved to be the figure of a man falling. It was shown to the authorities at once, and the condemned man was released.

Dropsical Oysters.

With a sneer the oyster opener pointed to a brownish smear upon a Saddle Rock shell.

"Some fool," said he, "has been trying to fatten up a batch of Saddle Rocks with cornmeal. You might as well try to invigorate flowers with corned beef hash. But it is a common error to believe that cornmeal or oatmeal will fatten oysters. I continually find oysters with their shells stained with those grains. It makes me laugh. As a matter of fact, there is no such thing as fattening oysters. All you can do is swell them up with water, precisely the same as water swells a sponge. You put them in fresh water, which, being less dense than the soft they are accustomed to, by the principle of osmosis penetrates and distends their tissues—gives them, as you might say, dropsy. For my part, I don't like fattened oysters."—New Orleans Times-Democrat.

For a Bride's Dowry.

There is a very pretty custom in some of the northern parts of Europe. There the white poplar in good soil increases a shilling in value every year. The trees are generally cut down at the age of twenty years, as they are then supposed to have attained their full growth. When a daughter is born in the family of a well to do farmer the father as soon as the season permits plants a thousand young trees, and these are to constitute the dowry of the maiden, "which grow as she grows and increases in height and value as her virtues and beauty increase."

Out to Work.

"What society needs is a clearing house."

"What do you mean?"

"I wish I didn't have to go to the Van Squawks' ball next week. The Van Squawks wish they didn't have to ask me. Why can't we exchange certificates and call the thing even?"—Kansas City Journal.

Why He Barked.

A witness in an Irish court talked so loud that Charles Phillips, who was counsel on the other side, said, "Fellow, why do you bark so furiously?" "Because," said the man, looking hard at Phillips, "I think I see a thief!"

Retribution.

Tommy—Pop, what is retribution? Tommy's Pop—Retribution, my son, is something that we are sure will eventually overtake other people.—Philadelphia Record.

The American Spirit.

I. The bitter strife is ended, the foes of yesterday.

Take up neglected duties and sacred fades away;

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II.

We cease to-die to wrangle as bitter partisans,

Victorious or vanquished, we're all Americans;

The case has been decided before the nation's bar.

To-day we must strenuously accept things as they are.

III.

The buds will swell in April, the blossoms blow in May,

The same as if the battle had gone the other way;

And they that have to labor will serve as in the past.

The sorry flag continues to flutter from the mast.

IV.

So I splendidly united, we cease to hate or blame;

Our newly chosen chieftain we loyally acclaim;

The future lies before us; the way is fair and broad;

The cry is "Forward, brothers, for honor and for God!"

—Kiser in Chicago Record-Herald.

A Riot of Color.

From the land of the Moros a soldier writes: "A Moro matron passed our quarters this morning wearing a hellebore jacket, purple trousers with large heart designs worked in yellow, blue and pink embroidery, a red and black sarong, yellow plush slippers and yellow silk mantilla. The lady's maid (old), in modest garb, walked behind, carrying a magenta parasol."

Echo River Low.

Louisville, Nov. 13.—Echo river in Mammoth Cave, is almost dry as a result of the drought. Many of the avenues where water stood ten to fifteen feet deep are now mere footpaths. As a result of the opportunity afforded many parts of the Cave never before reached are being explored.

A Durn Solid Dog.

A man was passing down the street considerably under the influence of liquor. He used pretty much all the sidewalk in his staggering course. In front of a store sat a cast iron image of a dog. Whether it was there for ornamental purposes or for a sign does not matter so far as this story is concerned. The drunken man saw it and mistook it for a real dog. Thinking to clear the sidewalk of the dog's presence he drew back and administered a very vigorous kick. Groaning

with pain he took his foot in his hand and looked about him. The proprietor was standing by the store.

"That's a (Oh) durn solid dog," blurted out the drunken man.

This story will apply very well to the Farmers' Union. People who oppose it will likely find it a very solid insulation.

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A very youthful patient is now almost ready to leave the St. Joseph's Hospital after an entirely successful skin grafting operation. The patient is John Henry Case, a five-year-old boy whose home is on Rand avenue. The little fellow had his left arm broken and in a sing several weeks ago and while in this condition was turning a feed cutter in the barn. In some manner he got too near the machine and the flesh covering the leaders on the inside of his right wrist was ground off between two cog wheels. He was brought to the hospital and skin was taken from his leg and grafted onto the wound. Both arms are now about well and the little fellow, who has borne the pain and confinement much more patiently than most men would have done is to be sent home in a few days.

Operation Delayed to Permit Patient to Marry.

St. Louis, Mo., November 14.—Facing death from an operation she was about to undergo in a hospital here, Mrs. Abbie E. Oppie, aged 39, of Prague, Okla., and Jefferson L. McDaniels of Shawnee, Okla., were married in the hospital's operating room to-day. We are not superstitious," she said, discussing the fact of their marriage. The license was obtained Friday, the 13th. Two hours after the operation the physicians reported she had every chance to recover. Six years ago she married McDaniels' rival, Sheriff Edward E. Oppie of Meeker, Okla., who died four years ago.—Cincinnati Enquirer.

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